



**20TH ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING
OF
REFERNET
CEDEFOP'S EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR VET
9-11 NOVEMBER 2022
CEDEFOP – THESSALONIKI, GREECE**

AGENDA

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

ReferNet partners and national representatives will attend the 20th annual plenary meeting of the network, which coincides with 20 years of ReferNet and the third annual meeting under the 2020-23 Framework Partnership Agreement. It will aim in particular at:

- optimising the preparation of the 2023 work plan by capitalising on information provided on adjustments in VET policy reporting, the *Timeline of VET policies in Europe*, drafting national news, improving understanding of qualifications listed in OJAs, etc.;
- reinstalling a physical network dynamic of cooperation and shared reflection by convening in a physical open space, which will encourage creative reflection on how partners would like ReferNet to develop in the next 10 years.

The plenary meeting will be preceded by an event aimed at celebrating ReferNet's 20th anniversary. The event will be held on the evening of **Wednesday 9 November** (18.00-22.00) at the **Thessaloniki Concert Hall (Megaron Mousikis, new building)**. It will be open to researchers and experts in VET, stakeholders and representatives of EU institutions.

Wednesday, 9 November 2022 (*Megaron Mousikis*)

19.00 to 22.00

ReferNet 20th anniversary event

During the event, Vice President EC Margaritis Schinas will present the EU Commission proposal to make 2023 the European Year of Skills, following the announcement by President Ursula von der Leyen in her 2022 State of the Union address.

Fabienne Goux-Baudiment, a French expert in foresight and futures studies, will give a presentation and launch a debate on the main challenges of VET in relation with emerging trends at global level.

An annual ReferNet partnership award will be established and presented for the first time.

The conference will be followed by a seated buffet meal, which will offer excellent networking opportunities for ReferNet and non-ReferNet guests in a relaxed and informal environment.

19.00 – 19.30	<i>Registration of participants</i>
	<i>Chairing: Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i>
19.30 – 19.40	Welcome and opening of the ReferNet 20th anniversary event <i>Juergen Siebel, Executive Director, Cedefop</i>
19.40 – 19.50	Message by Vice President EC Margaritis Schinas <i>European Commission</i>
19.50 – 20.00	Building the ReferNet way of life... <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i>
20.00 – 20.10	ReferNet Partnership Award
20.10 – 20.15	<i>Technical Break</i>
	<i>Chairing: Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i>
20.15 – 21.15	Liquid world: the great transformation <i>Fabienne Goux-Baudiment, International futurist, head of proGective</i>
21.15 – 22.15	<i>Dinner (buffet)</i>

Thursday, 10 November 2022 (Cedefop)

Plenary meeting

9.00 – 9.30	<i>Registration of participants</i>
	<i>Chairing: Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</i>
9.30 – 9.40 <i>Europa</i>	Welcome and opening of the 20th ReferNet plenary meeting <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i>
9.40 – 10.00	Latest VET policy developments <i>Manuela Geleng, Director DG EMPL.B. – Jobs and Skills, European Commission</i> <i>Abdelaziz Jaouani, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Lifelong Learning Policies, European Training Foundation (ETF)</i>
10.00 – 11.15	Session 1. Adjusting policy reporting to the countries' national implementation plans on VET <i>George Kostakis, Coordinator, VET policies and systems, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</i> <i>Irina Jemeljanova, Expert, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</i>
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Session 2. Timeline of VET policies in Europe <i>George Kostakis, Coordinator, VET policies and systems</i>
12.30 – 13.20	Session 3. Open space sessions 'How would you like ReferNet to develop in the next 10 years?' Introduction <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i> Building the agenda <i>ReferNet members</i>
13.20 – 14.20	<i>Family photo and lunch</i>
14.20 – 15.10	Session 4. Inspiring national news on VET for the European policy-makers and practitioners <i>George Kostakis, Coordinator, VET policies and systems</i> <i>Silke Gadji, Policy assistant, Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</i>
15.10 – 16.00	Session 5. Open space: first session
16.00 – 17.00	Session 6. Open space: second session
	<i>[Coffee available throughout sessions 5 and 6]</i>

17.00	End of first-day meeting
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Friday, 11 November 2022 (Cedefop)

	<i>Chairing: Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications, Cedefop</i>
9.30 – 10.15 <i>Europa</i>	Session 7. Main findings from the open space sessions <i>ReferNet rapporteurs</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Session 8. Introduction to the ad hoc activity (WP2023): Improving understanding of qualifications in OJAs <i>Jiří Braňka, expert, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Session 9. Teachers and trainers in a changing world – Comparative analysis of ReferNet reports (WP2021) <i>Rena Psifidou, Ralph Hippe and Anthie Kyriakopoulou, VET for Youth team, Department for VET and skills, Cedefop</i>
11.15 – 12.10	<i>Brunch</i> Open space: three-star session!
12.10 – 12.30	How do you see ReferNet's role ten years from now? <i>(ReferNet video on partners' messages)</i> Conclusions of the meeting and announcements for 2023 <i>Loukas Zahilas, Head of Department for VET and qualifications</i>
12.30 – 13.00 <i>[Coffee available]</i>	Individual meetings (Cedefop-ReferNet)
13.00	End of the 20th ReferNet plenary meeting